

## **PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

**APPLICANT:** Rockville Presbyterian Church

**PROJECT:** Rainbow Place Staff

**AMOUNT:** \$5,000

**TYPE:** Public Service

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Rainbow Place provides emergency cold weather shelter to adult homeless women nightly in the months of November through March. It is the only emergency cold weather shelter in the City and serves an average of 75 women each season. Most of the clients display symptoms of or are diagnosed with mental illness. Many have been victims of domestic violence.

Rainbow Place offers a welcoming safe environment for these women to rest and to regroup with the support of caring staff and volunteers. They receive assistance from visiting Case managers and from the Montgomery County Crisis Center.

For many of these clients, Rainbow Place may be the first connection to homeless services in the County and a place to establish enough trust to engage in case management services to address housing and other problems.

Rainbow Place is located in the Education Building of Rockville Presbyterian Church, 215 West Montgomery Avenue.

\Requested funds would provide staffing to ensure that two trained overnight staff would be working each night.